

Bill No. 36-06
Concerning: Forest ~~[[Preservation]]~~
Conservation Advisory Committee–
Establishment
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COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Councilmembers Perez, Denis, and Praisner and Council President Leventhal

AN ACT to:

- (1) establish a Forest ~~[[Preservation]]~~ Conservation Advisory Committee; and
- (2) generally amend the forest conservation law.

By adding

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 22A, Forest Conservation – Trees
Section 22A-31

Boldface	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

Sec. 1. Section 22A-31 is added as follows:

22A-31. Forest [[Preservation]] Conservation Advisory Committee.

(a) Definition. In this section “Committee” means the Forest [[Preservation]] Conservation Advisory Committee.

(b) Established. The County Executive must appoint, subject to confirmation by the County Council, a Forest [[Preservation]] Conservation Advisory Committee.

(c) Composition and terms of members.

(1) The Committee has 15 public members. The public members should include:

(A) landscape architects;

(B) arborists and urban foresters;

(C) horticulturists and representatives from the nursery industry;

(D) persons directly engaged in agriculture;

(E) persons directly involved in the building industry;

(F) members of citizen groups;

(G) members of environmental and conservation organizations; and

(H) representatives of public utility companies.

(2) The Executive must designate a staff member from each of the following departments to serve as an ex officio member:

(A) Economic Development;

(B) Environmental Protection; and

(C) Public Works and Transportation.

(3) The Executive must invite a representative from each of the following agencies to serve as an ex officio member:

(A) the County Planning Board; and

(B) the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

(4) The term of each member is 3 years and expires on December 31. After an appointment to fill a vacancy before a term expires, the successor serves the rest of the unexpired term.

(d) *Voting, officers, meetings, and compensation.*

(1) All members of the Committee are voting members.

(2) Each January, the Executive may designate a chair and vice-chair from among the Committee's public members to serve a 1-year term. If the County Executive does not designate a chair or vice-chair by February 15, the Committee members must select a chair and vice-chair.

(3) The Committee meets at the call of the Chair. The Committee must meet as often as necessary to perform its duties, but not less than 9 times each year.

(4) A member must serve without compensation. However, a member may request reimbursement for mileage and dependent care costs at rates established by the County.

(e) *Duties. The Committee must:*

(1) advise the Executive, [[and]] Council, Planning Board, and any other relevant agency, on [[urban]] forestry policy issues;

(2) propose to the Executive, [[and]] Council, Planning Board, and any other relevant agency, proactive [[urban]] forestry policies, laws, and guidelines;

(3) recommend a comprehensive approach to urban forestry [[master plan]];

(4) advise on a tree inventory;

- (5) review and comment on policies and programs related to
[[urban]] forestry;
- (6) promote and seek funding for a sustained [[urban]] forestry
program;
- (7) promote and foster a strong sense of community through urban
forestry;
- (8) communicate with other boards, agencies, and community
residents about [[urban]] forestry issues; and
- (9) promote volunteerism and act as a general information resource.
- (f) Annual Report. By October 1 each year, the Committee must submit to
the Executive, [[and]] Council, Planning Board, and any other relevant
agency, an annual report on its functions, activities, accomplishments,
and plans and objectives.
- (g) Advocacy. The Committee must not engage in any advocacy activity at
the State or federal levels unless that activity is approved by the Office
of Intergovernmental Relations.
- (h) Staff. The Chief Administrative Officer must provide appropriate staff
to the Committee.

Sec. 2. Transition. The County Executive must stagger the terms of the members initially appointed under Section ~~[[22A-31(c)(2)]]~~ 22A-31(c)(1) so that approximately one-third of the terms of these members expire each year.

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	Douglas M. Duncan, County Executive	Date
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82 *This is a correct copy of Council action.*

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	Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council	Date
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